

FIG. 1
PRIOR ART

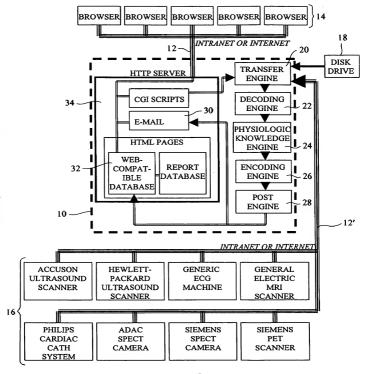


FIG. 2

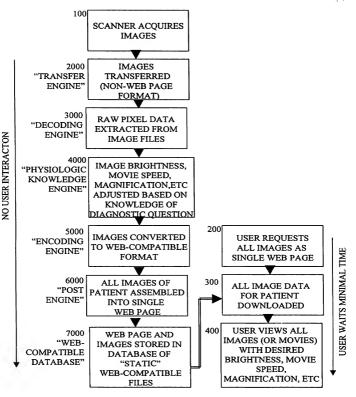


FIG. 3

- OR -

2010 USER SUBMITS REQUEST TO TRANSFER IMAGES VIA BROWSER 2020 CGI SCRIPT IS INITIATED WHICH PASSES DATA TO SYSTEM SOFTWARE METHOD 1 2030 SYSTEM SOFTWARE SCANNER IP ADDRESS. LOGS INTO SCANNER FTP OR DICOM USERNAME, AND FTP OR USING STANDARD FTP OR DICOM COMMANDS DICOM PASSWORD PREVIOUSLY DEFINED 2040 SYSTEM SOFTWARE DOWNLOADS IMAGES USING STANDARD FTP OR DICOM COMMANDS FIG. 4a

METHOD 2

2011
USER INSERTS
A DISK WITH IMAGES
(EG. A COMPACT
DISK)

2022
SYSTEM SOFTWARE
COPIES IMAGES
TO HARD DISK

FIG. 4b

## FIG. 5a

METHOD 1 FOR "STANDARD" IMAGE FORMATS (EG. DICOM) SYSTEM SOFTWARE
READS IMAGE
HEADERS TO DETERMINE
WHERE RAW PIXEL
DATA BEGIN

3020

SYSTEM SOFTWARE READS IN RAW PIXEL DATA FOR ALL IMAGES

- OR -

METHOD 2 FOR "NON-STANDARD" IMAGE FORMATS 3011 SYSTEM SOFTWARE
USES A PRIORI KNOWLEDGE
OF IMAGE MATRIX OR
HEADER SIZE TO DETERMINE
WHERE RAW PIXEL
DATA BEGIN

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SYSTEM SOFTWARE READS IN RAW PIXEL DATA FOR ALL IMAGES

FIG. 5b

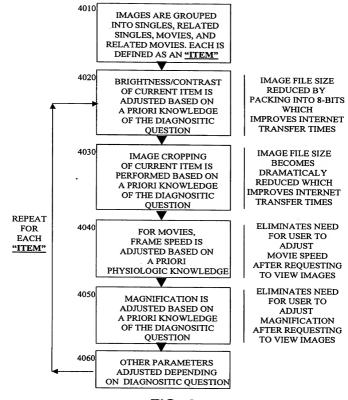


FIG. 6

STEP 4020 - Define search region as subregion within image which contains the organ of interest (eg. heart) and search all movie frames for the single brightest pixel. Scale all movie frames by same amount to make single brightest pixel equal to 2 to the 8th power minus 1, eg. 255 (1 byte/pixel, 8-bit image).

STEP 4030 - Create thumbnail movies by cropping images such that only the organ of interest is shown (eg. heart).

STEP 4040 - Convert all movie frames into a single movie with frame rate chosen to simulate real time motion (eg. beating heart).

STEP 4050 - Create a full-field-of-view version of each thumbnail so that user can double-click to view additional details.

FIG. 7a

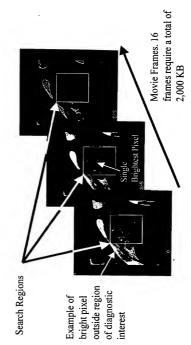


FIG. 7b

Eg. STEP 4040 Thumbnail movie of beating heart (16 frames=100KB)

Eg. STEP 4050
Full field-ofview movie
displayed full
screen when



FIG. 7c

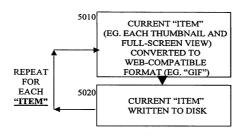


FIG. 8

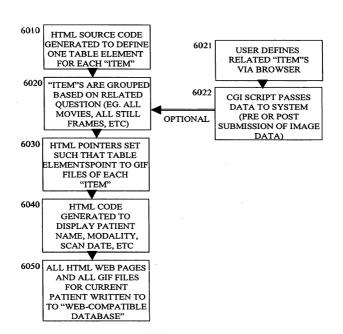
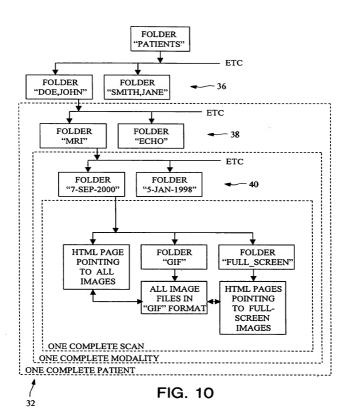
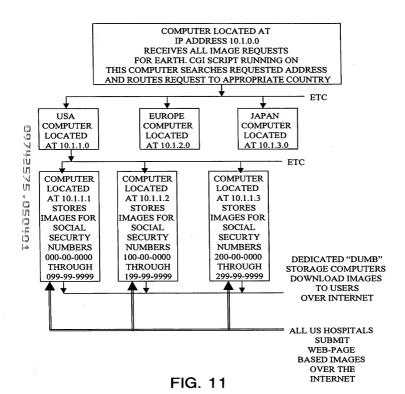


FIG. 9





7010
USER REQUESTS TO
VIEW IMAGES AT
"http://www.imagedatabase.com/usa/123456789/mri/23sep2027"

7020
COMPUTER LOCATED AT "www.imagedatabase.com"
(IP ADDRESS 10.1.0.0) SEARCHES FIELD, FINDS "usa",
AND TELLS USER'S BROWSER TO FORWARD THE
REQUEST TO COMPUTER LOCATED AT
IP ADDRESS 10.1.1.0

7030
COMPUTER LOCATED AT IP ADDRESS 10.1.1.0
SEARCHES FIELD, FINDS "123456789",
AND TELLS USER'S BROWSER TO FORWARD THE
REQUEST TO COMPUTER LOCATED AT
IP ADDRESS 10.1.1.2

7040 COMPUTER LOCATED AT IP ADDRESS 10.1.1.2
RETURNS THE REQUESTED IMAGE DATA
DIRECTLY TO USER

FIG. 12

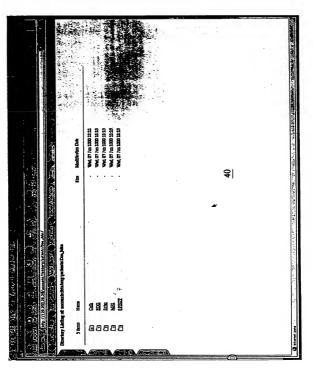


FIG. 13

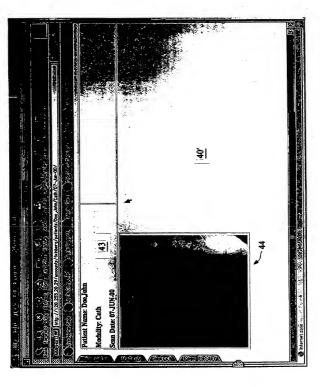
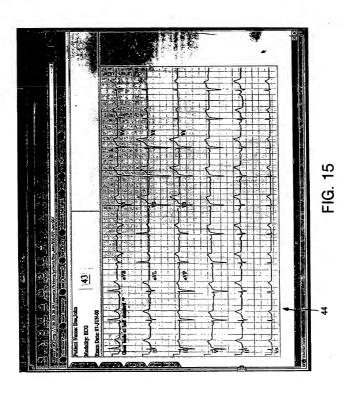


FIG. 14



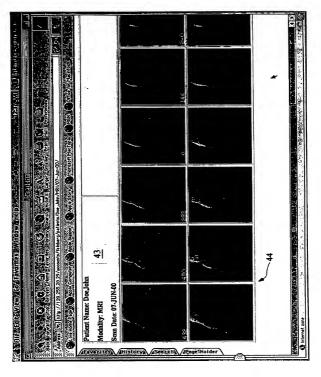


FIG. 16

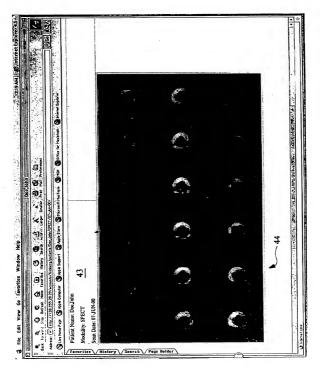


FIG. 17

